

30 APR 1976

Mr. Jonathan A. Bennett

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Dear Mr. Bennett:

This letter is a reply to your request of 13 March for a mandatory declassification review under Executive Order 11652, of finding aids to all of the National Intelligence Estimates prepared before 1 January 1966. As stated in your letter, this request consisted of the resubmission under the Executive order, of an identical request which you made under the Freedom of Information Act on 12 December 1975, and which was denied by this Agency on 10 February 1976.

Pursuant to your new request, this Agency has reviewed again the materials bearing on the subject, and regrets to inform you that disclosure of these documents would reveal the countries and topics of greatest concern to the US intelligence community and to US policy makers. Such disclosure might also reveal relative gaps in intelligence information. Moreover, disclosure could adversely affect US foreign relations with the countries in question. The documents requested must therefore remain classified in the interest of national defense and foreign policy, in accordance with the exemptions provided in Executive Order 11652, Subsections 5(B)(2) and (3).

You are hereby informed that under Agency regulations, you may if you desire, appeal this finding to the CIA Information Review Committee, in writing, care of the undersigned.

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Sincerely,

/s/GFW

Gene F. Wilson

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Attached is an E.O. Appeal with a due date of 15 Jul 1976.

In accordance with the IPS procedures, the Chairman has assigned action for this appeal as follows:

Mr. Lehman

Designated Action Member(s) should contact me within 48 hours should there be any objection to the case assignment.

The OGC attorney assigned to advise you or your Appeals Officer regarding this case is:

The Action Member or Appeals Officer is requested to ensure that staff work is completed and the case is ready for presentation (should such be required) at the 8 Jul 1976 meeting.

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Att: a/s